# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY ONGC
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is falling behind its responsibility in incurring expenditure on its socio-economic development programme and corporate social responsibility programmes as per its policy;

(b) if so, the details of its policy in this regard and amount likely to be spent and actually incurred on the above heads during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the reasons for this shortfall and action proposed to be taken against the officials responsible; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to spent the amount as per its policy in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) As per the policy of ONGC, 0.75% of net profit is allocated for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities. There is a shortfall in incurring expenditure as per the allocation of 0.75% of net profit.

(b) The ONGC policy on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is given at Annex-I and the expenditure incurred on these initiatives from 2003-2006 is placed at Annex-II.

(c) The proposals are examined on their merits and in line with the CSR policy. Expenditure on the initiatives is made after proper evaluation of the various proposals that ONGC receives from work centres/ other agencies.

ONGC has been trying to fulfill its corporate social responsibility through its multifarious initiatives at two levels, i.e., Corporate and Work Centre levels as per the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy.

(d) ONGC has taken following steps to utilize the budgetary allocation of CSR:

i. ONGCpura Trust has already operationalized a PURA project at Tripura and it has plans to roll out similar PURAs in the States where it is operating and have enough idle gas wells.

ii. On the water management front, ONGC has already achieved some success in locating the deep aquifers left by the mythical river `Saraswati`. ONGC plans to further invest in this project.

iii. Under healthcare, ONGC proposes to set up MRI and CT scan in government hospitals at Mumbai and Silchar in Assam. Similarly, ONGC also plans to donate a mobile cancer detection unit for Assam.

iv. On the education front, ONGC proposes to support the Institution of Engineers in Tripura.